

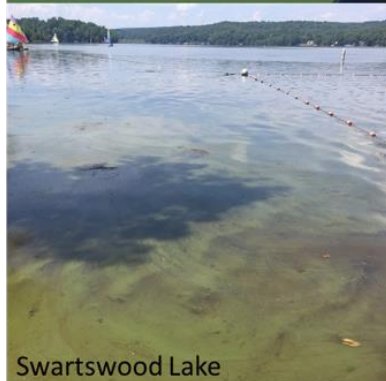
# Lake Stormwater Management Grants 2022 Information Session



Budd Lake



Lake Hopatcong



Swartswood Lake



Lake Mohawk



Pemberton Lake



Mountain Lake

## Previous Department HAB/Lakes Management Funding.

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# Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose of Funding
- Funding Priorities
- Eligibility Requirements
- Request for Proposal Application
- Grantee Responsibilities
- NJDEP SAGE Presentation
- Questions

# Watershed and Land Management

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## Previous Department HAB/Lakes Management Funding.

- 2019: Approximately \$2.5 million in grants were dedicated for HAB related projects and research.
- 2019: An additional \$1 million in Watershed Grant funding was made available for planning and projects that reduce the nonpoint source pollution, including nutrients, that contribute to harmful algal blooms in surface waters of the State.
- 2019: New Jersey made available \$10 million in principal forgiveness grants through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for sewer and stormwater upgrades to reduce the flow of nutrients to affected waterbodies.

# Funding Sources for Lakes Stormwater Management Grants

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)
- Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF)
- S2022 appropriated \$10,000,000 for Public Access Lake Stormwater Management Grants
- S3618 further clarified the use of these funds for “grants to assist qualified entities to pay for the management of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes... to improve water quality and increase recreational access and use of the lakes including project to control nutrient levels in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms. A grant issued pursuant to this section may be used for stormwater and non-point source pollution management activities...”
- Total Funding available for grants \$10,000,000 with an additional \$250,000 for administrative expenses.

# Priority: Priority Funding Categories

## Planning Categories

Proposals which will develop and/or implement Lake Watershed Protection Plans.

Proposals which will develop and/or implement lake stormwater/ non-point source pollution plans which identify and map stormwater infrastructure and non-point run-off areas of concern.

# Priority: Priority Funding Categories

Green Infrastructure projects within the lake watershed (such as parking lot islands or impervious structures).



# Priority: Priority Funding Categories

Projects that improve existing stormwater management infrastructure and/or restore or retrofit stormwater basins within specific lake watersheds to address water quality and reduce nutrient loading or reduce stormwater velocities or volume within the watershed of a specified qualifying lake.



# Priority: Priority Funding Categories

Projects that restore or improve the water quality function of riparian zones and/or wetland transition areas within the watershed of a specified publicly accessible lake. Projects should incorporate sufficient funding for implementation, monitoring and success criteria for proposals featuring re-vegetation actions.



# Priority: Priority Funding Categories

Lake dredging /vegetation management projects with the demonstrable connection to improving water quality conditions in the specified qualifying lake.



Priority:  
Priority  
Funding  
Categories

## Watershed and Lake Management Activities

Projects designed to improve lake water quality and maintain recreational, and conservation uses such as .....

# Priority: Priority Funding Categories

Maintenance of existing HAB control related infrastructure directly tied to improvements to lake water quality.



# Priority: Priority Funding Categories

Control of chemical or wildlife related sources of contamination, treatment of excessive muck or boat related pollution.



# Types of Projects not funded

Projects that do not control the input of NPS pollutants either through the implementation of a Best Management Practices or through education that changes behavior and promotes stewardship

Maintenance activities such as street sweeping and catch-basin cleaning otherwise required by state or federal regulations.

Projects determined by the Department that have the potential to result in negative impacts to the environment, the watershed or lake ecosystem, biodiversity, or public health

Purchase of promotional items, such as key chains, mugs, flying discs, etc.;

# Eligible Project Requirements

Located on public property or on private property with an executed agreement with the property owner.

Consistent with existing local, state, and federal requirements and can obtain permits needed to implement the project

Well-designed to achieve the project goal of non-point source pollution reduction and presented in the proper sequence of events (goal/objective/task);

For proposals that do not include construction (i.e. planning, maintenance actions), the proposal must include deliverables such as schedules, reports, training/outreach products, and inventories

Able to be completed within the grant period

As applicable demonstrate an improvement in water quality. (Note: As applicable, awardees may be required to collect and provide data to demonstrate water quality improvements associated with the project)

# Applicant Eligibility requirements

Greenwood Lake Commission

The Lake Hopatcong Commission

A local government unit

An entity established as a joint meeting pursuant to law or an entity established pursuant to ordinance by the municipalities surrounding a publicly accessible lake for the management of the lake

A nonprofit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose mission is the management of a publicly accessible lake

# Public and EJ Lake lists: Appendix J and K

Provided as  
representative lists  
of “publicly  
accessible lakes.

## Publicly Managed Lakes

WATERBODY	NEAREST_TO	OWNER
Alcyon Lake	Pitman	Municipal
Allamuchy Pond	Allamuchy	State, Municipal
Alloway Lake	Alloway	Municipal
Amwell Lake	E. Amwell	State
Ann Van Middleworth Pond	Hillsborough	Municipal
Assunpink Lake	Roosevelt	State
Atsion Lake	Atsion	State
Atwater Pond (Black River WMA)	Chester	State
Barbour Pond	West Paterson	County
Bargaintown Pond	Bargaintown	Municipal, Private
Batsto Lake	Batsto	State
Bedminster Pond	Bedminster	Municipal
Bee Meadow Park Pond	Hanover Twp	Municipal
Belle Mountain Pond	Lambertville	County
Bennetts Pond	Jackson	Municipal
Best Lake	Watchung	Municipal
Big Pine Lake	Browns Mills	Municipal
Birch Grove Park Ponds	Northfield	Municipal
Bissets Pond	South River	Municipal
Blair Lake	Blairstown	Municipal, Private
Bloodgood's Pond	Clark	County
Blue Mountain Lake	Five Points	Federal
Bogues Pond	Bloomington Boro	Municipal
Bostwick Lake	Friesburg	Municipal
Brainerd Lake	Cranbury	Municipal, Private
Branch Brook Park Lake	Newark	County
Briant Park Pond	Summit	County
Brushwood Pond	Ringwood	State
Budd Lake	Budd Lake	State
Burnham Park Ponds	Morristown	Municipal
Butterfly Bogs Pond	Vanhiseville	State
Canistear Reservoir	Vernon Twp.	Municipal
Cape May Park Ponds	Cape May Court House	County
Carnegie Lake	Princeton	State, Private
Carteret Park Pond	Carteret	Municipal
Catfish Pond	Millbrook	Federal
Cedar Brook Park Pond	Plainfield	County

# Grant Processing Timeline

Action	Responsibility	Deadline
Proposal Submission	Applicant	May 28, 2022
Funding Recommendations and Notifications	NJDEP	August 24, 2022
Return Completed Grant Agreement	Applicant	Within 30 days of receipt*
Funds must be obligated by	NJDEP	December 31, 2024
Funds must be expended by	Applicant	December 31, 2026

\*return of completed grant agreement forms does not guarantee immediate release of funding.

# Funding Priorities and Fund Allocation

Project Type	Total Funding Available (up to)
Water Quality Planning	\$2,000,000
Stormwater Management	\$3,000,000
Management and Restoration	\$3,000,000
Greenwood Lake and Lake Hopatcong Commissions	Up to \$2,000,000 in total, no more than \$1,000,000 for either Commission
Total Grant Funding Available	\$10,000,000

# Grantee Responsibilities

Quarterly Progress and Financial Reports - required to be submitted to the Department on a quarterly basis to provide an update and explanation of the project status.

- Water Quality Data – if applicable, the grantee must get an approved QAPP or other associated monitoring protocol if water quality monitoring is a component of the grant requirements.
- Completion of a Project – grantee is responsible for the project being completed on time and providing a final report summarizing the project and highlighting the results.

# Grantee Responsibilities

- Ownership/Proprietary Rights; Data and Geographical Information System (GIS) Requirements – grantee must provide the Department with all information generated during the grant and ensure that GIS data follows the NJ DEP GIS Standards.
- Maintenance Agreement – the grantee must submit a Maintenance Agreement before in the-ground installation of any BMPs.
- Ensuring consistency with Federal Treasury requirements.
- Final Reports – the grantee must submit a final report in the format outlined in Appendix F of the RFP.

# Project Evaluation Criteria

1

Project Applicability  
(up to 25 points)

2

Project Readiness (up  
to 25 points)

3

Likelihood of Success  
(up to 30 points)

4

Cost Share/Matching  
Funds/Leveraging of  
other Funding Sources  
(up to 10 points)

5

Monitoring and  
Evaluation Information  
(up to 10 points)

# Selection Process



- Project Evaluation Criteria used to score the proposals.
- DEP staff from appropriate programs will review and score the proposals.
- Scores are compiled and ranked for each priority category.
- Submit scores and recommendations to our Director. Director selects the awardees and funding amount.
- Assistant Commissioner/Budget and Finance approval.
- Present proposals to the Commissioner for final approval.

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